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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose my local ISP Sonic over AT&T because the speeds of the latter were dismal either because of throttling, the sheer amount of users, dishonest advertising and/or all the above. Prices were also an issue providing subpar services for an even more expensive subscription is robbery. It's easy to see why certain providers want to eliminate the competition in order to continue their predatory ways.

It's well known that fair competition between businesses fosters innovation and provides choice. If competition is limited the overall quality of service WILL decline, innovation will fail and once again we as a nation will fall behind in yet another list. Do we want to embody the type of government that encourages self-interests over the will of the people? This can only end badly.

I also say no to price hikes that will marginalize the population and further restrict access to otherwise "free" information. Price hikes will only contribute to an increasingly ignorant populace while lining the pockets of a certain few. While I hope this isn't the FCC's aim it appears so thus far and I will say again, this can only end badly.

Affordable and accessible broadband is crucial to our home most importantly for education, exposure to other cultures and happenings around the world. Easy access brings us closer together as global citizens, breaks down barriers all while increasing understanding. Limiting this connection can and will, (you guessed it) end badly.

I wholly support competition amongst broadband carriers and hope that you as a government entity that supposedly represents the people move in the right direction towards protecting this in order to avoid those bad endings I keep foreshadowing about.

Thanks for reading! (really though, does anyone from the FCC actually read these?)

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